

# **Information Sheet**

## **Home Based Businesses – Offices**

### **Chapter 23, Section 9**

#### **General**

All residential district dwellings, accessory buildings and the land are used as a place of abode and those uses customarily incidental to family living.

The following information relative to the use of property located in residentially zoned districts is provided for your information:

1. It is permissible for you or members of your immediate family to transact business related administrative matters at a residence, provided that the principal building on the property is used primarily as a place of abode.
2. Persons cannot be received at residential property for the specific purpose of buying, selling, ordering or picking up products in connection with a business.
3. Employees cannot come to residential property for the purpose of receiving task assignments, do work or perform other functions if any of these are related to a business conducted on or off the premises, except to perform work or services for the purpose of repair or maintenance of the owner's property.
4. The buildings or land cannot be used for business facilities to repair, manufacture, process or grow products sold in conjunction with the operation of a business.
5. The buildings and land cannot be used as warehouse or storage areas for materials and products used or sold in connection with a business. The buildings and land cannot be used to park or store vehicles or equipment that are used for business purposes, with the exception of one (1) vehicle, less than eight (8) feet in height, twenty (20) feet in length and under 8,000 lbs. GVW.
6. It is permissible for you or members of your immediate family to transact business related administrative matters at a residence, provided that the principal building on the property is used primarily as a place of abode.
7. Any noxious or offensive activity carried on at any residential property for business purposes that becomes an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood is prohibited.

Any use of residential property contrary to the above stated provisions would constitute a Zoning Ordinance violation and subjects violators to legal action. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Code Compliance at 757-7263.

NOTE: The issuance of a City Business License to a residential address shall not be held to permit or to be an approval to violate any City or County Ordinance, or State or Federal Laws.